



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE ON FEBRUARY 20, 2021 TO BE PAID IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, WITHOUT PENALTIES OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of Hawaii ("Governor") issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act (Chapter 127A of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended); and

WHEREAS, also on March 4, 2020, Mayor Kirk Caldwell ("Mayor") issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Governor and Mayor have both issued additional supplemental proclamations and emergency orders that have required, among other things:

1. Mandatory COVID-19 testing or quarantines for incoming travelers into the State of Hawaii;
2. Implementing the reopening of businesses in phases;
3. All City residents and businesses to engage in certain specified essential and social distancing activities; and



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4. A moratorium on all residential evictions for failure to pay rent or lease or other related charges; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in economic hardship for City residents who have encountered numerous layoffs across the tourism and hospitality industry, the retail industry, and other industries where businesses have been forced to close; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported by the State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ("DLIR") that since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, well over 200,000 unemployment claims have been filed; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-3.2 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), requires that the second payment of real property taxes for Honolulu properties for Fiscal Year 2021 is due on February 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 8-3.3 provides for certain penalties and interest that will accrue for any delinquencies of real property taxes due for Fiscal Year 2021 is due on February 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has proposed a tax relief program allowing the real property taxes due on February 20, 2021 to be paid in monthly installments, without penalty or interest; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council of the City and County of Honolulu's ("Council") understanding that other proposed property tax forgiveness and relief programs that have been suggested may have adverse impacts on the City's ability to provide core services and on the City's bond rating; and

WHEREAS, the Council approved Resolution 20-113 on May 6, 2020, supporting the City Administration's proposal to allow the real property taxes due for Honolulu properties on August 20, 2020 to be paid in monthly installments, without penalties or interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby expresses its support for the City Administration's proposal to allow the real property taxes due for Honolulu properties on February 20, 2021 to be paid in monthly installments, without penalties or interest; and



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HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 20-311, CD1

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ann Kobayashi (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

November 12, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 20-311, CD1

Introduced: 11/12/20 By: ANN KOBAYASHI – BY REQUEST Committee: BUDGET

Title: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE ON FEBRUARY 20, 2021 TO BE PAID IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, WITHOUT PENALTIES OR INTEREST.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

11/18/20	BUDGET	CR-299 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM. 5 AYES: ELEFANTE, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, WATERS.
12/09/20	COUNCIL	CR-299 AND RESOLUTION 20-311, CD1 AS AMENDED WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TEXEIRA, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


ANN KOBAYASHI, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER